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ABSTRACT

A comparison is made of the range errors obtained in solving fire problems by using (1) unit effects and (2) unit corrections. Results indicate no significant difference in the two methods, but the use of unit corrections does permit much faster solutions.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Current artillery firing tables present unit corrections for the non-standard conditions of weather and materiel encountered in gunnery problems. In order to determine if the use of unit effects would introduce less range error into the solution of such problems than unit corrections, a comprehensive comparison of the two methods was made.

The distinguishing characteristics of effects and corrections can be easily shown mathematically. In using effects, one is given a scalar valued function,  $F(\bar{x})$ , where  $\bar{x} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ . The object then is to find  $F(\bar{x}_0) \ni$

$$F(\bar{x}) = F(\bar{x}_0) + \sum_i F_{x_i} \big|_{\bar{x}_0} \Delta x_i, \text{ where } F_{x_i} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i}. \text{ The}$$

equation is to be solved iteratively. In using corrections, one is given  $F(\bar{x})$  and then solves directly for

$$F(\bar{x}_0) = F(\bar{x}) - \sum_i F_{x_i} \big|_{\bar{x}} \Delta x_i.$$

Both methods are exact for linear functions and both are approximate otherwise.

For purposes of the study, 3 weapon systems, 2500 fire problems, and 50 sets of nonstandard conditions were utilized. The problems were solved by each of the two methods and the results compared and analyzed.



## II. BASIC CONSIDERATIONS

### A. Weapon/Charge Combinations

The following weapon/charge combinations were considered:

| Weapon            | Charges    |
|-------------------|------------|
| 105mm How. , M108 | 3, 6, 7    |
| 155mm How. , M109 | 3, 5, 7, 8 |
| 175mm Gun, M107   | 1, 2, 3    |

The charges were selected so as to provide a representative sample of the velocity levels for each weapon.

### B. Ranges

Fire problems were solved at 5 target ranges per charge, and consisted of 4 at low angles of elevation, from 50 to 650 mils, and 1 at a high angle of 1150 mils.

### C. Parameters

In this study, range was considered to be of the form

$$R = F(\Phi, p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4)$$

where  $\Phi$  is the quadrant elevation and  $p_1, \dots, p_4$  are the parameters muzzle velocity, air density, air temperature, and range wind.

As shown in the following table, the parameters were divided into two groups according to the type of distribution assumed. (Choice of parametric values and the assumptions made relative to their type of distribution were based primarily on data from Honest John Rocket troop firings.) The table also lists applicable means, standard deviations, and bounds.

| NORMAL DISTRIBUTION  |                                 |                    |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| PARAMETER            | MEAN                            | STANDARD DEVIATION |
| Air Density          | 95.4 % of ICAO Standard (1962)  | $\pm 6.6 \%$       |
| Air Temperature      | 100.4 % of ICAO Standard (1962) | $\pm 3.0 \%$       |
| Wind Speed           | 13.4 Knots                      | $\pm 9.1$ Knots    |
| UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION |                                 |                    |
| PARAMETER            | BOUNDS                          |                    |
| Muzzle Velocity      | 0 - 100 % Remaining Tube Life   |                    |
| Wind Direction       | 0 - 6400 Mils                   |                    |

fty random samples of density, temperature, and wind speed were taken from normally distributed populations based on the above means and standard deviations. The wind speeds were then resolved into range and cross wind components using a random selection of angles from 0 to 6400 mils to determine the azimuth of fire. Finally, 50 random samples of muzzle velocity deviations were computed using tube wear data from the appropriate firing table and assuming a uniform distribution in tube life. All of these values were combined to create 50 distinct sets of data for each weapon. In forming these combinations, the parameters were considered to be independently distributed in accordance with a report by W.G. Dotson.\* Lists of the combinations are to be found in Tables I, II, and III.

#### D. Effects and Corrections

Using the current technique, i. e., the secant-slope method, tables of plus and minus unit effects and unit corrections were computed for each of the weapon/charge combinations.

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\* W.G. Dotson, "The Optimization of Unit Effects for Artillery Firing Tables", BRL Report No. 1210 (AD423230), 1963.

Unit effects for each range were generated using the formula:

$$\frac{\Delta R(\Phi, p_1, \dots, p_4)}{\Delta p_i} = \frac{R(\Phi, p_i \pm \Delta p_i) - R(\Phi, p_1, \dots, p_4)}{\Delta p_i}, i=1, 2, 3, \text{ or } 4$$

where  $\Delta p_i$  = constant change in parameter  $p_i$  along entire trajectory,

$R(\Phi, p_1, \dots, p_4)$  = standard range,

$R(\Psi, p_i \pm \Delta p_i)$  = range achieved using the standard elevation to hit  $R(\Phi, p_1, \dots, p_4)$  under the perturbation  $\pm \Delta p_i$ ,

$$\frac{\Delta R(\Phi, p_1, \dots, p_4)}{\Delta p_i} = \text{unit range effect for } p_i \text{ at } R(\Phi, p_1, \dots, p_4).$$

Unit range corrections were computed using the formula:

$$\frac{\Delta R(\Psi, p_i \pm \Delta p_i)}{\Delta p_i} = \frac{R(\Psi, p_1, \dots, p_4) - R(\Psi, p_i \pm \Delta p_i)}{\Delta p_i}, i=1, 2, 3 \text{ or } 4$$

where  $\Delta p_i$  = constant change in parameter  $p_i$  along entire trajectory,

$R(\Psi, p_i \pm \Delta p_i)$  =  $R(\Phi, p_1, \dots, p_4)$ ,

$R(\Psi, p_1, \dots, p_4)$  = range achieved under the standard conditions using the elevation,  $\Psi$ , required to hit  $R(\Phi, p_1, \dots, p_4)$  under the perturbation  $\pm \Delta p_i$ ,

$$\frac{\Delta R(\Psi, p_i \pm \Delta p_i)}{\Delta p_i} = \text{unit range correction for } p_i \text{ at } R(\Psi, p_i \pm \Delta p_i).$$

Note that  $R(\Psi, p_i \pm \Delta p_i) = R(\Phi, p_1, \dots, p_4)$  is the range to be hit when dealing with unit corrections, whereas  $R(\Phi, p_1, \dots, p_4)$  must be determined if unit effects are being utilized.

The perturbations,  $\Delta p_i$ , used to generate both the unit effects and unit corrections were  $\pm 15$  m/s in muzzle velocity,  $\pm 10\%$  in both air density and temperature, and  $\pm 50$  knots in range wind.

### III. DETERMINATION OF RANGE ERRORS

To determine the range errors resulting from the application of unit effects (corrections), 2500 fire problems were solved using the unit effects (corrections) corresponding to each weapon/charge/range combination and the 50 sets of nonstandard conditions for the appropriate weapon system. The only sources of error in the problems which were unaccounted for were those due to the unit effects (corrections) themselves and to arithmetic. However, arithmetical errors, such as those produced by interpolation and round off, were considered negligible in the final results. In order to solve fire problems using effects, an iterative process was carried on until the appropriate range and quadrant elevation,  $\Phi$ , were found such that

$$R(\Phi, p_1, \dots, p_4) + \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{\Delta R(\Phi, p_1, \dots, p_4)}{\Delta p_i} \Delta p_i = R(\Phi, p_i \pm \Delta p_i).$$

Fire problems using corrections were solved in the normal manner

$$R(\Psi, p_i \pm \Delta p_i) + \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{\Delta R(\Psi, p_i \pm \Delta p_i)}{\Delta p_i} \Delta p_i = R(\Psi, p_1, \dots, p_4),$$

where  $\Psi$  is the quadrant elevation required to hit the target range under the particular set of nonstandard conditions.

The errors present in unit effects (corrections) were now reflected as errors in predicted quadrant elevations. Thus to find the range errors caused by the use of unit effects (corrections) in solving fire problems, trajectories were computed with these elevations and

nonstandard conditions. The resultant ranges were then subtracted from the target ranges.

A certain number of fire problems were unsolvable because a plus or minus unit correction was not computed near maximum range. Solutions to still others could not be obtained because the predicted range exceeded maximum range for that charge. Finally, problems employing high angle fire had no solution if the maximum angle was exceeded or if a change in the mode of fire, from high angle to low angle, was required. A listing of all of these appears in Table IV.

#### IV. ANALYSIS OF DATA

For each weapon/charge/range combination, the mean and standard deviation caused by all 50 sets of nonstandard conditions were found. The results are to be seen in Table V.

The above means and standard deviations were then statistically combined with the probable errors in range, described below, to convert the range errors into a corresponding decrease in the percent of rounds falling within plus and minus 1 and plus and minus 2 probable errors. If there were no aiming errors, 50% of all rounds would fall within plus and minus 1 probable error and 82.3% within plus and minus 2 probable errors. Probable errors of .3% and .6% of range were used to describe the round to round dispersion about the target range and a normal distribution of rounds about those ranges was assumed. Tables VI and VII list these percents for all weapon/charge/range combinations.

As noted in Section III, a certain number of fire problems could not be solved. Analysis of the data showed that 35 problems using unit effects had no solution because, as previously stated, the predicted

range exceeded the maximum range for that charge; or, when in high angle fire, the predicted quadrant elevation exceeded the maximum listed elevation; or a change in the mode of fire was required. The use of unit corrections failed to solve 34 of these problems for the same reasons.

Another 54 problems employing unit corrections were unsolvable because they involved ranges beyond those for which the firing table had corrections listed for range wind. There is no comparable deficiency with firing tables presenting unit effects.

This lack of unit corrections only prevents the successful completion of a mission if the top charge is being used. For example, 36 of the 54 fire problems mentioned above were encountered near maximum range in charges 1 and 2 of the 175mm Gun. By using the next higher charge, these missions could have been completed. Only those 18 missions lying in charge 3, the highest charge for this weapon, would have had to have been canceled. A forthcoming report entitled "Standard Conditions for Cannon Artillery Firing Tables" shows that by optimizing the standards used in current firing tables the number of listed ranges near maximum range, which lack unit corrections, can be substantially reduced, and thus permit the solving of more fire problems than is presently possible.

## V. SUMMARY OF RESULTS

| Weapon                                     | The Percent of Rounds Falling Within Plus and Minus |              |                     |              |
|--|---|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
|  | One Probable Error                                  |              | Two Probable Errors |              |
|  | Effects   | Corrections  | Effects             | Corrections  |
| For a Probable Error Equal to .3% of Range |   |              |                     |              |
| 105mm                                      | 48.28   | 46.59        | 80.48               | 78.65        |
| 155mm                                      | 46.86   | 47.45        | 78.91               | 79.58        |
| 175mm                                      | <u>47.26</u>  | <u>47.77</u> | <u>79.37</u>        | <u>79.85</u> |
|  | 47.41   | 47.29        | 79.52               | 79.38        |
| For a Probable Error Equal to .6% of Range |   |              |                     |              |
| 105mm                                      | 49.55   | 49.09        | 81.81               | 81.33        |
| 155mm                                      | 49.15   | 49.32        | 81.39               | 81.57        |
| 175mm                                      | <u>49.27</u>  | <u>49.37</u> | <u>81.52</u>        | <u>81.62</u> |
|  | 49.31   | 49.27        | 81.56               | 81.51        |

Note: If there were no errors caused by using unit effects or unit corrections, then 50% of the rounds would fall within 1 probable error and 82.3% within 2 probable errors.

## VI. CONCLUSIONS

1. Examination of the summary of results shows that there is no appreciable difference, in terms of range errors, between those fire problems solved with unit corrections and those solved with unit effects.

2. The adoption of either unit effects or unit corrections should be considered in relation to their use in a manual backup system in the post-1970 time frame. The fact that fire problems can be solved approximately three times faster using corrections rather than effects, because the corrections are listed at a known range (target range), is

a distinct advantage in any such back-up system.

3. The absence of unit corrections near maximum range prevents the solution of fire problems for ranges in this area, if the top charge is being used.



Table I. NONSTANDARD CONDITIONS FOR 105MM HOW., M108

| DENSITY<br>% | TEMPERATURE<br>% | RANGE WIND<br>knots | MUZZLE VELOCITY<br>m/s | NO. |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----|
| 97.1         | 99.8             | - .3                | - 7.6                  | 1   |
| 107.3        | 99.1             | - 2.3               | - 1.9                  | 2   |
| 88.2         | 103.1            | - 8.7               | - 7.4                  | 3   |
| 110.1        | 104.6            | - 16.6              | - 10.4                 | 4   |
| 92.0         | 96.9             | 10.6                | - 2.0                  | 5   |
| 95.7         | 98.7             | .2                  | - 0.2                  | 6   |
| 100.0        | 107.2            | - 13.3              | - 2.7                  | 7   |
| 92.5         | 99.6             | 14.1                | - 6.7                  | 8   |
| 94.9         | 101.5            | 8.8                 | - 6.8                  | 9   |
| 94.8         | 98.1             | 2.2                 | - 0.2                  | 10  |
| 99.7         | 101.9            | 9.3                 | - 1.2                  | 11  |
| 99.8         | 99.4             | - 18.0              | - 5.7                  | 12  |
| 91.4         | 103.2            | .5                  | - 1.8                  | 13  |
| 101.9        | 95.8             | 19.6                | - 4.7                  | 14  |
| 87.3         | 98.9             | - 6.1               | - 10.1                 | 15  |
| 98.0         | 97.7             | 3.2                 | - 9.2                  | 16  |
| 78.7         | 107.2            | 9.8                 | - 5.8                  | 17  |
| 88.3         | 99.8             | - 2.8               | - 1.3                  | 18  |
| 102.9        | 104.7            | - 11.3              | - 3.0                  | 19  |
| 89.9         | 100.8            | - .5                | - 4.4                  | 20  |
| 94.0         | 103.1            | 8.0                 | - 10.1                 | 21  |
| 105.6        | 102.1            | 21.5                | - 3.4                  | 22  |
| 95.0         | 96.0             | 1.4                 | - 7.3                  | 23  |
| 84.0         | 99.8             | .3                  | - 5.9                  | 24  |
| 97.2         | 106.6            | - 2.4               | - 6.9                  | 25  |

Table I. NONSTANDARD CONDITIONS FOR 105MM HOW., M108  
(Continued)

| DENSITY | TEMPERATURE | RANGE WIND | MUZZLE VELOCITY | NO. |
|---------|-------------|------------|-----------------|-----|
| %       | %           | knots      | m/s             |     |
| 90.8    | 95.1        | 18.3       | - 1.1           | 26  |
| 86.4    | 101.2       | - 12.5     | - 7.8           | 27  |
| 97.4    | 106.3       | - 8.2      | - 5.3           | 28  |
| 88.4    | 102.0       | 9.6        | - 0.6           | 29  |
| 83.9    | 103.4       | 6.6        | - 9.5           | 30  |
| 97.3    | 97.1        | 24.0       | - 10.3          | 31  |
| 95.9    | 95.6        | - 1.2      | - 2.3           | 32  |
| 98.9    | 99.6        | 6.3        | - 6.5           | 33  |
| 90.7    | 99.7        | 21.1       | - 3.7           | 34  |
| 98.9    | 103.1       | 2.8        | - 1.8           | 35  |
| 99.6    | 98.9        | 19.2       | - 3.3           | 36  |
| 94.5    | 99.6        | - 16.6     | - 9.1           | 37  |
| 88.3    | 99.6        | 9.2        | - 5.2           | 38  |
| 97.0    | 102.3       | 2.1        | - 0.7           | 39  |
| 88.3    | 100.6       | 3.1        | - 6.0           | 40  |
| 95.1    | 100.6       | .5         | - 6.8           | 41  |
| 96.7    | 94.1        | - 6.8      | - 2.1           | 42  |
| 88.8    | 101.2       | 1.2        | - 2.3           | 43  |
| 93.5    | 100.8       | - 11.0     | - 9.7           | 44  |
| 98.1    | 101.4       | .8         | - 7.8           | 45  |
| 87.3    | 101.2       | - 11.2     | - 1.2           | 46  |
| 91.4    | 99.8        | 7.4        | - 1.8           | 47  |
| 92.3    | 103.2       | 24.8       | - 7.7           | 48  |
| 94.6    | 95.3        | 7.4        | - 1.1           | 49  |
| 88.7    | 100.3       | - 17.2     | - 6.6           | 50  |

Table II. NONSTANDARD CONDITIONS FOR 155MM HOW., M109

| DENSITY<br>% | TEMPERATURE<br>% | RANGE WIND<br>knots | MUZZLE VELOCITY<br>m/s | NO. |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----|
| 97.1         | 99.8             | - .3                | - 13.6                 | 1   |
| 107.3        | 99.1             | - 2.3               | - 5.7                  | 2   |
| 88.2         | 103.1            | - 8.7               | - 13.5                 | 3   |
| 110.1        | 104.6            | - 16.6              | - 16.2                 | 4   |
| 92.0         | 96.9             | 10.6                | - 6.1                  | 5   |
| 95.7         | 98.7             | .2                  | - 1.2                  | 6   |
| 100.0        | 107.2            | - 13.3              | - 7.5                  | 7   |
| 92.5         | 99.6             | 14.1                | - 12.6                 | 8   |
| 94.9         | 101.5            | 8.8                 | - 12.9                 | 9   |
| 94.8         | 98.1             | 2.2                 | - 1.0                  | 10  |
| 99.7         | 101.9            | 9.3                 | - 4.3                  | 11  |
| 99.8         | 99.4             | - 18.0              | - 11.6                 | 12  |
| 91.4         | 103.2            | .5                  | - 5.6                  | 13  |
| 101.9        | 95.8             | 19.6                | - 10.2                 | 14  |
| 87.3         | 98.9             | - 6.1               | - 16.1                 | 15  |
| 98.0         | 97.7             | 3.2                 | - 15.4                 | 16  |
| 78.7         | 107.2            | 9.8                 | - 11.6                 | 17  |
| 88.3         | 99.8             | - 2.8               | - 4.4                  | 18  |
| 102.9        | 104.7            | - 11.3              | - 8.0                  | 19  |
| 89.9         | 100.8            | - .5                | - 9.8                  | 20  |
| 94.0         | 103.1            | 8.0                 | - 16.0                 | 21  |
| 105.6        | 102.1            | 21.5                | - 8.6                  | 22  |
| 95.0         | 96.0             | 1.4                 | - 13.4                 | 23  |
| 84.0         | 99.8             | .3                  | - 11.8                 | 24  |
| 97.2         | 106.6            | - 2.4               | - 12.9                 | 25  |

Table II. NONSTANDARD CONDITIONS FOR 155MM HOW., M109  
(Continued)

| DENSITY<br>% | TEMPERATURE<br>% | RANGE WIND<br>knots | MUZZLE VELOCITY<br>m/s | NO. |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----|
| 90.8         | 95.1             | 18.3                | - 3.2                  | 26  |
| 86.4         | 101.2            | - 12.5              | - 13.8                 | 27  |
| 97.4         | 106.3            | - 8.2               | - 11.0                 | 28  |
| 88.4         | 102.0            | 9.6                 | - 2.2                  | 29  |
| 83.9         | 103.4            | 6.6                 | - 15.5                 | 30  |
| 97.3         | 97.1             | 24.0                | - 16.2                 | 31  |
| 95.9         | 95.6             | - 1.2               | - 7.0                  | 32  |
| 98.9         | 99.6             | 6.3                 | - 12.5                 | 33  |
| 90.7         | 99.7             | 21.1                | - 9.0                  | 34  |
| 98.9         | 103.1            | 2.8                 | - 5.6                  | 35  |
| 99.6         | 98.9             | 19.2                | - 8.4                  | 36  |
| 94.5         | 99.6             | - 16.6              | - 15.2                 | 37  |
| 88.3         | 99.6             | 9.2                 | - 10.9                 | 38  |
| 97.0         | 102.3            | 2.1                 | - 2.4                  | 39  |
| 88.3         | 100.6            | 3.1                 | - 12.0                 | 40  |
| 95.1         | 100.6            | .5                  | - 12.8                 | 41  |
| 96.7         | 94.1             | - 6.8               | - 6.5                  | 42  |
| 88.8         | 101.2            | 1.2                 | - 6.9                  | 43  |
| 93.5         | 100.8            | - 11.0              | - 15.7                 | 44  |
| 98.1         | 101.4            | .8                  | - 13.8                 | 45  |
| 87.3         | 101.2            | - 11.2              | - 4.2                  | 46  |
| 91.4         | 99.8             | 7.4                 | - 5.5                  | 47  |
| 92.3         | 103.2            | 24.8                | - 13.7                 | 48  |
| 94.6         | 95.3             | 7.4                 | - 4.1                  | 49  |
| 88.7         | 100.3            | - 17.2              | - 12.6                 | 50  |

Table III. NONSTANDARD CONDITIONS FOR 175MM GUN, M107

| DENSITY<br>% | TEMPERATURE<br>% | RANGE WIND<br>knots | MUZZLE VELOCITY<br>m/s | NO. |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----|
| 97.1         | 99.8             | - .3                | - 16.8                 | 1   |
| 107.3        | 99.1             | - 2.3               | - 0.1                  | 2   |
| 88.2         | 103.1            | - 8.7               | - 16.3                 | 3   |
| 110.1        | 104.6            | - 16.6              | - 19.4                 | 4   |
| 92.0         | 96.9             | 10.6                | - 0.1                  | 5   |
| 95.7         | 98.7             | .2                  | - 0.0                  | 6   |
| 100.0        | 107.2            | - 13.3              | - 0.3                  | 7   |
| 92.5         | 99.6             | 14.1                | - 11.6                 | 8   |
| 94.9         | 101.5            | 8.8                 | - 12.3                 | 9   |
| 94.8         | 98.1             | 2.2                 | - 0.0                  | 10  |
| 99.7         | 101.9            | 9.3                 | - 0.1                  | 11  |
| 99.8         | 99.4             | - 18.0              | - 7.5                  | 12  |
| 91.4         | 103.2            | .5                  | - 0.1                  | 13  |
| 101.9        | 95.8             | 19.6                | - 3.3                  | 14  |
| 87.3         | 98.9             | - 6.1               | - 19.1                 | 15  |
| 98.0         | 97.7             | 3.2                 | - 17.9                 | 16  |
| 78.7         | 107.2            | 9.8                 | - 7.6                  | 17  |
| 88.3         | 99.8             | - 2.8               | - 0.1                  | 18  |
| 102.9        | 104.7            | - 11.3              | - 0.6                  | 19  |
| 89.9         | 100.8            | - .5                | - 2.3                  | 20  |
| 94.0         | 103.1            | 8.0                 | - 19.1                 | 21  |
| 105.6        | 102.1            | 21.5                | - 0.9                  | 22  |
| 95.0         | 96.0             | 1.4                 | - 16.0                 | 23  |
| 84.0         | 99.8             | .3                  | - 8.4                  | 24  |
| 97.2         | 106.6            | - 2.4               | - 12.4                 | 25  |

Table III. NONSTANDARD CONDITIONS FOR 175MM GUN, M107  
(Continued)

| DENSITY<br>% | TEMPERATURE<br>% | RANGE WIND<br>knots | MUZZLE VELOCITY<br>m/s | NO. |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----|
| 90.8         | 95.1             | 18.3                | - 0.0                  | 26  |
| 86.4         | 101.2            | - 12.5              | - 17.2                 | 27  |
| 97.4         | 106.3            | - 8.2               | - 5.6                  | 28  |
| 88.4         | 102.0            | 9.6                 | - 0.0                  | 29  |
| 83.9         | 103.4            | 6.6                 | - 18.2                 | 30  |
| 97.3         | 97.1             | 24.0                | - 19.3                 | 31  |
| 95.9         | 95.6             | - 1.2               | - 0.1                  | 32  |
| 98.9         | 99.6             | 6.3                 | - 10.7                 | 33  |
| 90.7         | 99.7             | 21.1                | - 1.1                  | 34  |
| 98.9         | 103.1            | 2.8                 | - 0.1                  | 35  |
| 99.6         | 98.9             | 19.2                | - 0.8                  | 36  |
| 94.5         | 99.6             | - 16.6              | - 17.7                 | 37  |
| 88.3         | 99.6             | 9.2                 | - 5.3                  | 38  |
| 97.0         | 102.3            | 2.1                 | - 0.0                  | 39  |
| 88.3         | 100.6            | 3.1                 | - 8.6                  | 40  |
| 95.1         | 100.6            | .5                  | - 12.2                 | 41  |
| 96.7         | 94.1             | - 6.8               | - 0.1                  | 42  |
| 88.8         | 101.2            | 1.2                 | - 0.1                  | 43  |
| 93.5         | 100.8            | - 11.0              | - 18.6                 | 44  |
| 98.1         | 101.4            | .8                  | - 17.3                 | 45  |
| 87.3         | 101.2            | - 11.2              | - 0.1                  | 46  |
| 91.4         | 99.8             | 7.4                 | - 0.1                  | 47  |
| 92.3         | 103.2            | 24.8                | - 16.9                 | 48  |
| 94.6         | 95.3             | 7.4                 | - 0.1                  | 49  |
| 88.7         | 100.3            | - 17.2              | - 11.2                 | 50  |

Table IV

| Wpn   | Chg | Range<br>Meters | Number of Fire Problems Which Could Not Be Solved |             |         |             |
|-------|-----|-----------------|---|-------------|---------|-------------|
|       |     |                 | Group A   |             | Group B |             |
|       |     |                 | Effects   | Corrections | Effects | Corrections |
| 105mm | 7   | 8200            | 1   |             |         |             |
| 155mm | 3   | 5800            | 3   | 3           |         |             |
|       | 8   | 16900           | 1   | 1           |         | 18          |
| 175mm | 1   | 14300           | 1   | 1           |         | 18          |
|       | 1   | 12600           | 1   | 1           |         |             |
|       | 2   | 20900           | 1   | 1           |         | 18          |
|       | 2   | 19100           | 12  | 12          |         |             |
|       | 3   | 30200           | 1   | 1           |         |             |
|       | 3   | 30000           | 14  | 14          |         |             |

NOTE: Group A includes those fire problems which could not be solved because the predicted range exceeded maximum range, the predicted elevation exceeded maximum elevation, or the mode of fire required changing.

Group B includes those fire problems which could not be solved because a plus or minus unit correction was lacking at the required range.

Table V

| Wpn   | Chg | Range<br>Meters | Mean Range Error<br>In Meters |             | Standard Deviation<br>In Meters |             | No. of<br>Cases |
|-------|-----|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
|       |     |                 | Effects                       | Corrections | Effects                         | Corrections |                 |
| 105mm | 3   | 1300            | - .890                        | 2.574       | .832                            | 1.310       | 50              |
|       |     | 2600            | - 1.286                       | 5.568       | 1.804                           | 2.548       | 50              |
|       |     | 3900            | - 2.822                       | 8.702       | 3.664                           | 4.483       | 50              |
|       |     | 4000            | - 2.660                       | 9.070       | 3.781                           | 4.720       | 50              |
|       |     | 3900            | - 3.274                       | 7.420       | 5.669                           | 4.480       | 50              |
|       | 6   | 2400            | - 4.634                       | - 2.118     | 2.819                           | 2.390       | 50              |
|       |     | 4800            | - 7.520                       | .114        | 4.055                           | 5.501       | 50              |
|       |     | 7200            | - 6.818                       | 5.544       | 4.418                           | 9.992       | 50              |
|       |     | 8000            | - 6.792                       | 6.832       | 4.896                           | 11.716      | 50              |
|       |     | 6800            | - 1.082                       | 6.758       | 7.201                           | 10.312      | 50              |
|       | 7   | 2900            | - .892                        | 1.318       | 1.792                           | 1.899       | 50              |
|       |     | 5800            | - 6.964                       | - 1.296     | 4.738                           | 7.367       | 50              |
|       |     | 8600            | - 8.420                       | 4.070       | 5.869                           | 13.678      | 50              |
|       |     | 10400           | - 8.102                       | 9.462       | 7.569                           | 20.702      | 50              |
|       |     | 8200            | - 4.159                       | 4.490       | 7.353                           | 10.624      | 49              |



Table V (Continued)

| Wpn   | Chg | Range<br>Meters | Mean Range Error<br>In Meters |             | Standard Deviation<br>In Meters |             | No. of<br>Cases |
|-------|-----|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
|       |     |                 | Effects                       | Corrections | Effects                         | Corrections |                 |
| 155mm | 3   | 1600            | - 1.224                       | 1.804       | 1.005                           | 1.630       | 50              |
|       |     | 3200            | - 2.956                       | 4.914       | 3.203                           | 2.933       | 50              |
|       |     | 4800            | - 5.286                       | 7.076       | 6.326                           | 5.178       | 50              |
|       |     | 5800            | - 6.377                       | 13.232      | 8.229                           | 5.761       | 47              |
|       |     | 4500            | - 5.502                       | 6.608       | 9.191                           | 4.973       | 50              |
|       | 5   | 2500            | - 7.374                       | - 4.124     | 4.708                           | 5.796       | 50              |
|       |     | 5000            | -10.012                       | - .478      | 5.865                           | 6.489       | 50              |
|       |     | 7500            | -10.366                       | 4.822       | 7.680                           | 7.456       | 50              |
|       |     | 9000            | -10.660                       | 7.786       | 10.788                          | 10.271      | 50              |
|       |     | 7000            | - 6.458                       | 5.028       | 12.961                          | 9.780       | 50              |
|       | 7   | 3600            | - 2.874                       | 1.476       | 2.768                           | 2.752       | 50              |
|       |     | 7300            | -10.366                       | - 1.664     | 8.245                           | 7.504       | 50              |
|       |     | 11000           | -14.320                       | 2.578       | 10.481                          | 15.009      | 50              |
|       |     | 13200           | -14.994                       | 9.272       | 12.857                          | 22.826      | 50              |
|       |     | 10200           | -10.562                       | 3.158       | 13.789                          | 11.870      | 50              |
|       | 8   | 4500            | - .048                        | 3.872       | 2.396                           | 4.016       | 50              |
|       |     | 9000            | - 9.804                       | 2.148       | 8.755                           | 9.237       | 50              |
|       |     | 13500           | -16.418                       | .466        | 14.746                          | 19.930      | 50              |
|       |     | 16900           | -15.631                       | 9.934       | 17.286                          | 26.529      | 31              |
|       |     | 16900           | -15.253*                      | -           | 15.573*                         | -           | 49              |
|       |     | 15400           | -17.010                       | 1.220       | 22.114                          | 14.084      | 50              |

\*NOTE: Includes data for 18 additional fire problems that were solved using unit effects.

Table V (Continued)

| Wpn   | Chg | Range<br>Meters | Mean Range Error<br>In Meters |             | Standard Deviation<br>In Meters |             | No. of<br>Cases |
|-------|-----|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
|       |     |                 | Effects                       | Corrections | Effects                         | Corrections |                 |
| 175mm | 1   | 3800            | - 2.356                       | .974        | 2.731                           | 3.302       | 50              |
|       |     | 7600            | -10.184                       | - 3.050     | 10.742                          | 6.484       | 50              |
|       |     | 11300           | -14.946                       | - 2.054     | 14.109                          | 13.591      | 50              |
|       |     | 14300           | -15.955                       | 1.632       | 13.615                          | 17.808      | 31              |
|       |     | 14300           | -15.059*                      | -           | 13.676*                         | -           | 49              |
|       |     | 12600           | -10.478                       | 3.355       | 18.644                          | 11.582      | 49              |
|       | 2   | 5500            | - 1.016                       | 2.028       | 3.333                           | 4.120       | 50              |
|       |     | 11100           | - 7.632                       | 4.470       | 10.376                          | 13.155      | 50              |
|       |     | 16600           | -21.102                       | - 4.874     | 23.545                          | 23.766      | 50              |
|       |     | 20900           | -22.574                       | - 3.326     | 25.689                          | 34.375      | 31              |
|       |     | 20900           | -20.569*                      | -           | 24.483*                         | -           | 49              |
|       |     | 19100           | -26.124                       | .795        | 31.537                          | 19.597      | 38              |
|       | 3   | 8200            | - 3.440                       | .940        | 6.321                           | 5.328       | 50              |
|       |     | 16400           | - 9.908                       | 4.718       | 15.786                          | 20.907      | 50              |
|       |     | 24500           | -22.776                       | 9.132       | 45.063                          | 50.196      | 50              |
|       |     | 30200           | -42.884                       | 56.153      | 52.852                          | 96.151      | 49              |
|       |     | 30000           | -52.267                       | 20.483      | 36.719                          | 41.463      | 36              |

\* NOTE: Includes data for 18 additional fire problems that were solved using unit effects.

Table VI

| Wpn   | Chg | Range<br>Meters | For a Probable Error Equal to .3% of Range<br>The Percent of Rounds Falling within Plus and Minus |             |                     |             |
|-------|-----|-----------------|---|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
|       |     |                 | One Probable Error  |             | Two Probable Errors |             |
|       |     |                 | Effects   | Corrections | Effects             | Corrections |
| 105mm | 3   | 1300            | 49.07   | 45.11       | 81.31               | 77.09       |
|       |     | 2600            | 49.23   | 44.53       | 81.48               | 76.46       |
|       |     | 3900            | 48.54   | 43.90       | 80.76               | 75.74       |
|       |     | 4000            | 48.61   | 43.71       | 80.83               | 75.52       |
|       |     | 3900            | 47.19   | 45.15       | 79.30               | 77.11       |
|       | 6   | 2400            | 45.00   | 48.17       | 76.95               | 80.37       |
|       |     | 4800            | 46.77   | 48.63       | 78.89               | 80.86       |
|       |     | 7200            | 48.66   | 47.47       | 80.89               | 79.61       |
|       |     | 8000            | 48.84   | 47.14       | 81.08               | 79.25       |
|       |     | 6800            | 48.80   | 46.76       | 81.03               | 78.83       |
|       | 7   | 2900            | 49.49   | 49.32       | 81.75               | 81.58       |
|       |     | 5800            | 47.82   | 48.29       | 80.01               | 80.49       |
|       |     | 8600            | 48.51   | 47.26       | 80.73               | 79.37       |
|       |     | 10400           | 48.80   | 45.48       | 81.04               | 77.38       |
|       |     | 8200            | 48.89   | 47.98       | 81.12               | 80.16       |

Table VI (Continued)

| Wpn   | Chg | Range<br>Meters | For a Probable Error Equal to .3% of Range<br>The Percent of Rounds Falling within Plus and Minus |             |                     |             |
|-------|-----|-----------------|---|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
|       |     |                 | One Probable Error  |             | Two Probable Errors |             |
|       |     |                 | Effects   | Corrections | Effects             | Corrections |
| 155mm | 3   | 1600            | 48.96   | 47.63       | 81.21               | 79.80       |
|       |     | 3200            | 48.09   | 46.75       | 80.28               | 78.87       |
|       |     | 4800            | 47.05   | 46.64       | 79.16               | 78.74       |
|       |     | 5800            | 46.81   | 43.94       | 78.89               | 75.81       |
|       |     | 4500            | 44.76   | 46.61       | 76.55               | 78.70       |
|       | 5   | 2500            | 39.52   | 42.92       | 70.42               | 74.35       |
|       |     | 5000            | 44.74   | 48.26       | 76.66               | 80.46       |
|       |     | 7500            | 47.00   | 48.54       | 79.13               | 80.76       |
|       |     | 9000            | 47.14   | 47.90       | 79.27               | 80.08       |
|       |     | 7000            | 45.91   | 47.52       | 77.87               | 79.66       |
|       | 7   | 3600            | 48.71   | 49.20       | 80.94               | 81.45       |
|       |     | 7300            | 46.70   | 48.84       | 78.79               | 81.07       |
|       |     | 11000           | 47.34   | 48.04       | 79.50               | 80.23       |
|       |     | 13200           | 47.70   | 46.60       | 79.88               | 78.64       |
|       |     | 10200           | 47.10   | 48.50       | 79.21               | 80.71       |
|       | 8   | 4500            | 49.70   | 48.40       | 81.96               | 80.62       |
|       |     | 9000            | 47.81   | 48.84       | 79.99               | 81.07       |
|       |     | 13500           | 47.29   | 47.79       | 79.43               | 79.96       |
|       |     | 16900           | 48.04   | 47.20       | 80.23               | 79.32       |
|       |     | 16900           | 48.28*  | -           | 80.48*              | -           |
|       |     | 15400           | 46.75   | 49.11       | 78.83               | 81.35       |

\*NOTE: Includes data for 18 additional fire problems that were solved using unit effects.

Table VI (Continued)

| Wpn   | Chg | Range<br>Meters | For a Probable Error Equal to .3% of Range<br>The Percent of Rounds Falling Within Plus and Minus |             |                     |             |
|-------|-----|-----------------|---|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
|       |     |                 | One Probable Error  |             | Two Probable Errors |             |
|       |     |                 | Effects   | Corrections | Effects             | Corrections |
| 175mm | 1   | 3800            | 49.05   | 49.13       | 81.29               | 81.38       |
|       |     | 7600            | 46.28   | 49.06       | 78.31               | 81.31       |
|       |     | 11300           | 46.70   | 48.47       | 78.79               | 80.68       |
|       |     | 14300           | 47.79   | 48.39       | 79.97               | 80.59       |
|       |     | 14300           | 47.92*  | -           | 80.10*              | -           |
|       |     | 12600           | 47.13   | 49.04       | 79.24               | 81.28       |
|       | 2   | 5500            | 49.57   | 49.26       | 81.83               | 81.51       |
|       |     | 11100           | 48.60   | 48.38       | 80.82               | 80.59       |
|       |     | 16600           | 46.43   | 47.83       | 78.48               | 80.00       |
|       |     | 20900           | 47.30   | 47.28       | 79.44               | 79.40       |
|       |     | 20900           | 47.62*  | -           | 79.78*              | -           |
|       |     | 19100           | 45.60   | 48.90       | 77.53               | 81.13       |
|       | 3   | 8200            | 49.19   | 49.54       | 81.43               | 81.79       |
|       |     | 16400           | 48.65   | 48.25       | 80.88               | 80.44       |
|       |     | 24500           | 45.93   | 45.87       | 77.90               | 77.82       |
|       |     | 30200           | 45.20   | 39.54       | 77.07               | 70.01       |
|       |     | 30000           | 45.55   | 47.60       | 77.53               | 79.75       |

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Table VII

| Wpn   | Chg | Range<br>Meters | For a Probable Error Equal to .6% of Range<br>The Percent of Rounds Falling Within Plus and Minus |             |                     |             |
|-------|-----|-----------------|---|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
|       |     |                 | One Probable Error  |             | Two Probable Errors |             |
|       |     |                 | Effects   | Corrections | Effects             | Corrections |
| 105mm | 3   | 1300            | 49.76   | 48.69       | 82.03               | 80.93       |
|       |     | 2600            | 49.80   | 48.53       | 82.07               | 80.76       |
|       |     | 3900            | 49.62   | 48.34       | 81.88               | 80.57       |
|       |     | 4000            | 49.64   | 48.28       | 81.90               | 80.50       |
|       |     | 3900            | 49.25   | 48.70       | 81.50               | 80.93       |
|       | 6   | 2400            | 48.65   | 49.53       | 80.88               | 81.78       |
|       |     | 4800            | 49.16   | 49.65       | 81.40               | 81.91       |
|       |     | 7200            | 49.66   | 49.33       | 81.92               | 81.58       |
|       |     | 8000            | 49.71   | 49.24       | 81.97               | 81.49       |
|       |     | 6800            | 49.69   | 49.13       | 81.95               | 81.38       |
|       | 7   | 2900            | 49.87   | 49.83       | 82.14               | 82.09       |
|       |     | 5800            | 49.44   | 49.56       | 81.69               | 81.81       |
|       |     | 8600            | 49.62   | 49.27       | 81.88               | 81.52       |
|       |     | 10400           | 49.69   | 48.75       | 81.96               | 80.98       |
|       |     | 8200            | 49.72   | 49.47       | 81.98               | 81.73       |

Table VII (Continued)

| Wpn   | Chg | Range<br>Meters | For a Probable Error Equal to .6% of Range<br>The Percent of Rounds Falling Within Plus and Minus |             |                     |             |
|-------|-----|-----------------|---|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
|       |     |                 | One Probable Error  |             | Two Probable Errors |             |
|       |     |                 | Effects   | Corrections | Effects             | Corrections |
| 155mm | 3   | 1600            | 49.74   | 49.38       | 82.00               | 81.64       |
|       |     | 3200            | 49.50   | 49.15       | 81.76               | 81.40       |
|       |     | 4800            | 49.22   | 49.11       | 81.47               | 81.36       |
|       |     | 5800            | 49.15   | 48.37       | 81.39               | 80.59       |
|       |     | 4500            | 48.53   | 49.10       | 80.75               | 81.35       |
|       | 5   | 2500            | 46.89   | 47.93       | 79.01               | 80.11       |
|       |     | 5000            | 48.58   | 49.55       | 80.81               | 81.81       |
|       |     | 7500            | 49.21   | 49.62       | 81.46               | 81.88       |
|       |     | 9000            | 49.25   | 49.45       | 81.50               | 81.71       |
|       |     | 7000            | 48.88   | 49.34       | 81.11               | 81.60       |
|       | 7   | 3600            | 49.67   | 49.80       | 81.93               | 82.06       |
|       |     | 7300            | 49.13   | 49.70       | 81.37               | 81.96       |
|       |     | 11000           | 49.31   | 49.49       | 81.56               | 81.75       |
|       |     | 13200           | 49.40   | 49.08       | 81.66               | 81.32       |
|       |     | 10200           | 49.23   | 49.61       | 81.48               | 81.87       |
|       | 8   | 4500            | 49.92   | 49.59       | 82.19               | 81.85       |
|       |     | 9000            | 49.43   | 49.70       | 81.69               | 81.96       |
|       |     | 13500           | 49.29   | 49.42       | 81.54               | 81.67       |
|       |     | 16900           | 49.49   | 49.26       | 81.75               | 81.50       |
|       |     | 16900           | 49.55*  | -           | 81.81*              | -           |
|       |     | 15400           | 49.13   | 49.77       | 81.38               | 82.04       |

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Table VII (Continued)

| Wpn   | Chg | Range<br>Meters | For a Probable Error Equal to .6% of Range<br>The Percent of Rounds Falling within Plus and Minus |             |                     |             |
|-------|-----|-----------------|---|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
|       |     |                 | One Probable Error  |             | Two Probable Errors |             |
|       |     |                 | Effects   | Corrections | Effects             | Corrections |
| 175mm | 1   | 3800            | 49.76   | 49.78       | 82.02               | 82.04       |
|       |     | 7600            | 49.00   | 49.76       | 81.24               | 82.02       |
|       |     | 11300           | 49.12   | 49.60       | 81.37               | 81.86       |
|       |     | 14300           | 49.43   | 49.58       | 81.68               | 81.84       |
|       |     | 14300           | 49.46*  | -           | 81.72*              | -           |
|       |     | 12600           | 49.24   | 49.75       | 81.49               | 82.02       |
|       | 2   | 5500            | 49.89   | 49.81       | 82.16               | 82.08       |
|       |     | 11100           | 49.64   | 49.58       | 81.90               | 81.84       |
|       |     | 16600           | 49.04   | 49.43       | 81.28               | 81.69       |
|       |     | 20900           | 49.29   | 49.28       | 81.54               | 81.53       |
|       |     | 20900           | 49.38*  | -           | 81.63*              | -           |
|       |     | 19100           | 48.79   | 49.72       | 81.03               | 81.98       |
|       | 3   | 8200            | 49.79   | 49.88       | 82.06               | 82.15       |
|       |     | 16400           | 49.65   | 49.54       | 81.91               | 81.80       |
|       |     | 24500           | 48.89   | 48.87       | 81.12               | 81.10       |
|       |     | 30200           | 48.67   | 46.67       | 80.90               | 78.72       |
|       |     | 30000           | 48.80   | 49.37       | 81.04               | 81.62       |

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